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NEBRASKA.

Evidence of unfairness on the part of the Nebraska legislative committees is coming to light, particularly the Senate committee of which Mr. McFarland is a member. Senator McFarland stated that he had talked with many of the pupils and graduates and found that they were almost universally in favor of the exclusive oral method. This is absolutely untrue.

Mr. Hunt tried repeatedly to get a hearing before the Senate committee but was put off with one excuse or another. Finally after he had left, the committee called Rev. Allenbach, but the notice was so short that he did not even have time to call up Mr. Bangs. Evidently plenty of time had been given the other side, for twelve oralist supporters, including Mr. Booth, were on hand to oppose one single supporter for the cause of the deaf. Rev. Allenbach writes as follows, under date of March 7:

"P. S. Yesterday I received a call from Mr. Grossman, chairman of the Senate committee, to appear before it after adjournment of the Senate. It was too late to call up Mr. Bangs, and so I had to appear alone. The chairman said they had only about half an hour to consider our bill, as other matters of importance were pressing for solution. About four women and seven men, all parents having children at the Omaha school, and Mr. Booth were there to oppose me. I was compelled to speak first, and when I wanted to read some of those testimonials from you, 'Methods of Educating the Deaf,' the chairman said they had no time for that, that they had all read those testimonials, so I had to content myself with reading and emphasizing a testimonial from Dr. Gallaudet, testifying as to your standing among the deaf, and his agreement with your contention. Apparently it made an impression but very apparently also the committee had already made up their minds, and without more ado they passed the resolution to table our bill."

Thus with misrepresentation and unfairness the oralists continue to deceive the legislators and the public. Will the deaf stand for this? The Nebraska deaf are helpless, and for personal ends some of the leaders are siding with the opposite side. The N. A. D. is the only organization that can do anything to oppose the oralists. It is not strong because it does not receive the support it ought to have. But it can be made strong and an ef-

fective force in defending the interests of the deaf, if they will give it proper support. Will they?

That the work of the association is approved and appreciated by those most competent to judge is shown by the fact that within a week nearly \$100.00 has been received from superintendents to aid in the publicity campaign of the association.

Reply to Mr. Belser.

Editor Observer:

I was glad to see Mr. Lawrence Belser come to the defense of the pure oral method in the last issue of the Observer. So few orally taught deaf care to stand up for this method that it is refreshing to see one who does.

I want it distinctly understood that I am not defending combined schools which fail to give proper emphasis and encouragement to the oral pupils.

But the combined system is correct in principle. It gives effective speech to those capable of acquiring it, and what is more important, it gives education to all according to their ability. This the exclusive oral method does not. I know personally of numerous graduates of combined schools who speak and read lips with facility. The greatest factor in lip reading is home influence, and if this is favorable those in combined schools will acquire it as well as those of oral schools; if it is not favorable the pure oral product is just as likely to fail as the combined pupil.

Mr. Belser says: "I know that in the oral boarding schools, at least two of the best that I attended, the pupils were not encouraged to go to Gallaudet, for obvious reasons.

What "obvious reasons?" Is it not because they could not give them the requisite mental equipment to pass the examinations?

I will quote the testimony of an oral graduate, Mr. Isaac Goldberg. He writes to Dr. Currier:

"At eleven I entered the Institution for the Improved Instruction of Deaf-Mutes on Broadway, New York City, the foremost oralistic school of the day, and graduated therefrom in five years. Upon my return home my parents soon discovered I was lacking in substantial preliminary education. For I could not write nor spell correctly, knew nothing of punctuation, and did not have a working acquaintance with mathematics. At that school the acquisition of knowledge was entirely subsidiary to articula-

tion. The vast amount of time consumed for acquiring speech and lip-reading precluded proficiency in the rudiments of education, and the course of study was not projected along lines as to make it of practical value to the pupils. Knowledge was looked upon as a by-product, articulation and lip-reading were the principal things and stuck out everywhere."

And why should not oral schools encourage their pupils to enter Gallaudet, which gives them every facility to preserve and improve their speech, as well as a broad and liberal education?

Here is some more testimony from an oral graduate. Rev. E. C. Wyand of Boston writes as follows to Dr. Currier:

"My wife was educated entirely by the oral method, but broke from it after school. In confidence, I will tell you, last August, while on our way to my mother's home in Maryland, we stopped at Gallaudet College and went through it. My wife was amazed at first, then as we left the girls' department she sat down on the steps and wept as though her heart would break, and spelled out this: 'I think it was mean of Miss Fuller for not telling us of this college.' Miss Fuller, you know, was principal of the oral school. She never permitted the pupils to know that there were other schools for the deaf but at Hartford, and they were taught to regard that as a 'damping ground.'"

Let us hear from you again, Mr. Belser.

Please answer these questions:

What are the "obvious reasons," and why should not oral schools encourage their pupils to go to Gallaudet?

There is plenty of more testimony available from oral graduates.

OLOF HANSON.

MOTION FOR GALLAUDET FILM-PLAY.

Moved by O. G. Carrell, Jan. 30, 1913, seconded by O. H. Regensburg:

"I move that we appropriate \$350 (three hundred fifty dollars) or as much thereof as needed, to be used in procuring film showing scenes in the life of Thomas H. Gallaudet, and for costuming the actors."

We, the undersigned, favor the above appropriation.

(Signed) F. R. Gray, Chas. H. Loucks, O. G. Carrell, Oscar H. Regensburg.

Approved: Olof Hanson, President N. A. D.

The Gallaudet film play is designed to show scenes from the life of Gallaudet, and is intended to be given by students at Gallaudet College. This will also give an opportunity to introduce several members of the faculty before the camera, and the film will be valuable and interesting to all who have been connected with the college. It will have historical value, representing events at the beginning of education of the deaf in this country.

The Committee on Moving Pictures also contemplates taking films of the following in the near future: Dr. E. A. Fay, Dr. Hotchkiss, Dr. Fox, Dr. Smith, Dr. Dougherty, Mr. J. C. Howard, Dr. S. T. Walker, Mr. E. A. Hodgson and Dr. Dobyns.

The committee would be glad also to receive suggestions as to other desirable subjects.

O. W. L. S. RECORD BOOK IS FOUND.

One of the young lady students at Gallaudet College has found the record of the first meeting of the O. W. L. S., which was supposed to be lost, and sends the following account of the first meeting to the Silent Worker:

"Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 1913.

"Editor Silent Worker: Have been interested in the discussion as to who was the first president of the O. W. L. S. After thorough search of the first records I came across the following signed by Miss May Martin, '95, herself:

"Saturday, January 9th, 1892—This evening the 13 young ladies gathered in the parlor at 6:30 at the call of Miss Tiegel, '93, and after considerable discussion the long-looked-for literary society was organized. The name is to be kept a secret, only the initials being given to the public. The meetings will be held every third Saturday at 7:30 p. m.

"The programs of these meetings are to be arranged by the executive committee.

"The following were elected officers for the second term of the collegiate year:

"President—Agatha Tiegel, '95.

"Secretary—May Martin, '95.

"Critic—Lily Bicksler, '94.

"Executive Committee—Lulu Herdman, '93; Alto M. Lowman, '92; Agatha Tiegel, '93.

"The active members besides these officers are: Hannah Schankweiler, '94; Laura U. Frederick, '95; Mary Gorman, '95; Augusta Kruse, '95; Christine Thompson, '95; Bertha Block, '96; Margaret Magill, '96; Bertha Whitlock, '96.

"Miss Tiegel offered some rules which were adopted with slight amendments. The meeting adjourned late,

after appointing Jan. 13 as the date for the first literary program.

"Well begun is half done.

(Signed) "MAY MARTIN,
Secretary."

"Several writers in the Silent Worker have claimed that Mrs. Stafford (Miss Martin) and not Mrs. Hanson (Miss Tiegel), was the first president of the O. W. L. S. The above extract, being from the official record, clearly and conclusively shows the facts in the case. O. H."

PORTLAND, OREGON.

Lloyd Peterson was so unfortunate as to have part of his left hand blown off while working with a stick of dynamite on his farm at Sigurd, Oregon. He at once came to the Good Samaritan Hospital here. The hand is getting better, but it will be many weeks before Lloyd can use it again.

Through the kindness of the trustee of the Church of the Strangers and their wives a social was given to the deaf on Friday evening, March 7th, which was largely attended and immensely enjoyed by each one. Sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

The N. F. S. D., under the management of Messrs. Lawrence White and Thierman, gave a hard times social at the Logus hall Saturday, March 15th. Julia Dodd and Sanford Spratton carried off the prizes—a cut glass jelly dish and watch fob. Although there was not a large crowd, a profit of \$275 was made and a nice time was had.

Word has been received from Missouri that Robt. Lines is recovering from his illness and he, with his wife, may leave there early in April for dear old Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Kredit spent a couple of days with relatives at Washougal, Wash.

Mr. Gabel's father has sold out his bakery at Alberta and taken up a farm at Puyallup, Wash.

Chas. Yammon wishes to announce that he has moved to St. Johns.

Mrs. H. P. Nelson and Mrs. J. O. Reichle are supposed to be the first deaf women to register in Portland, if not in Oregon.

Mrs. John Fisher made a business trip to Vancouver one day last week.

Bud Hastings has lately much improved his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen, late arrivals from Seattle, have taken rooms at the Union Avenue and Killingsworth apartments.

"WE KNOW NOT AT WHAT HOUR."

Sunday afternoon at about one o'clock Rebecca Amy, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reichle, of Portland, was struck by a motorcycle and instantly killed. The little girl had been to Sunday school and sung her Easter song and had just alighted from a car when she was run down.

Mr. Reichle is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of the Deaf. He and Mrs. Reichle attended the Colorado convention.

The death of the only daughter is a sad blow to the parents and a wound that only time can heal.

From the Journal we learn that Douglas Tilden has been selected to design what will probably be the largest piece of individual sculpture at the Panama-Pacific Exposition to be held in 1915. The idea assigned to him to work out is "Modern Civilization," and the group is to stand in the magnificent Court of the Sun and Stars and is to be set off by a smaller companion piece, "Ancient Civilization."

Tilden's works were among the most notable at both the Chicago and St. Louis World's Fairs, and with the ripened experience that is his, and the incentive to do honor to his native state and city, a notable group may be expected—Kentucky Standard.

ALL LOOK GOOD.

Manager McGraw tells this one on Luther Taylor, the former mute pitcher with the Giants: "We were down in New Orleans," he said. "Taylor and Bresnahan and I. We all liked Taylor well enough to learn the mute language, so that we could talk with him. One day we were riding on a street car when a remarkably handsome woman came in and sat opposite us. We watched her with considerable admiration for a minute, then Roger signed to 'Dummy' on his fingers: 'Doesn't she look good to you?' Before either of us could signal back the woman flashed over in the sign language, 'Yes, and you all look good to me.' And she got off that car without even glancing at us again."

SEVERELY HURT IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Three West Virginians who attended the inauguration ceremonies were victims of accidents, according to reports which are just being received. The most serious accident of the three was one which befell Thomas McCreery, deaf mute publisher of the Buckhannon Banner. Mr. McCreery was stopping at the home of relatives here, and on Wednesday night left the house for a few moments. In doing so he fell from the porch and injured himself so that he had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. While the surgeons have not yet definitely said so, it is believed that he broke his hip in the fall. Mr. McCreery weighs over 200 pounds and fell several feet. His wife has been summoned from Buckhannon and will remain with him until he is able to travel.

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The following beautiful lines were written by Geo. M. Teegarden. All who know the poet personally will feel that the prayer in the verses was answered even before it was made.

REWARD.

A charge I have to show the way, to lift

From Fate's dark thrall,
And lead unto the light—God's sacred gift.

Have I done all
That He who gives the strength of will and heart

Would have me do,
And make for better lives and deeds their part,

Though there be few?
Patience and Love will work, we surely know,

A world of good;
This gift of sacred seed, ah, do I sow
Just as I should?

I pray for light to see the urgent need,
And do my part

To stimulate the lagging thought and feed

The hungry heart.
Have I instilled into the dreaming brain

Some thought of cheer?
Have I entuned a hymn or glad refrain
To drive out fear?

Have I shown up the folly or the sin
That they should shun
Or given praise to Christ, weak souls to win

By deeds well done?
If these I have not done to light the gloom

For our dear Lord,
Let "failure" chiseled deep upon my tomb

Be my reward.
T. G. ARDEN, in Christian Herald.

THE BOOSTER.

The Seattle N. A. D. Boosters met at the residence of Olof Hanson Saturday evening, March 15. There was nearly the usual number present in spite of a birthday party elsewhere.

Mr. Christenson acted as secretary in the absence of the regular official.

Mr. Axling gave the latest news from Nebraska. Some good work has been done in that state and seed sown that will bring forth fruit.

Mr. Hanson announced that he had received \$95.50 so far from school superintendents to help carry on the work. More is expected.

Mrs. Hanson read extracts from letters from several deaf who were educated by the oral method but who now are in favor of the combined system.

Michael Brown, a graduate of an oral school, told us why he favored signs. For an oral product he is certainly a good sign member.

Mr. Root presented the following, which was adopted without opposition:

"Whereas, in the report of the last National Convention of the Deaf, on page 80 there is a paragraph reflecting on our fellow citizen, J. Frederick Meagher, be it therefore,

"Resolved, that it is the sense of the Seattle N. A. D. Boosters that said paragraph is a gross exaggeration, largely untrue entirely unwarranted, a rank injustice to Mr. Meagher as

well as Mrs. Meagher; be it therefore,

"Resolved, that we condemn such unfair use of authority by the person who inserted the same."

It was moved that the same be sent to the New York Journal for publication.

Mr. Hanson spoke on the matter of proxy voting, but as the hour was late it was decided to call a special meeting for that matter.

This special meeting was held at the Hanson home Thursday evening, the 20th, and a discussion of much interest took place. A method of procedure was recommended to President Hanson to be submitted to the Executive Committee.

NOTICE.

To the members of the Washington State Association of the Deaf. You are hereby notified that the Board of Directors have selected the city of Seattle, Wash., as the meeting place of the next regular biennial convention of said association.

You are all requested to meet in convention in Seattle on July 3rd to 6th, inclusive.

Furthermore, I hereby appoint:

P. I. Axling (chairman), W. S. Root, L. O. Christensen, True Partridge, Mrs. O. Fanson, Miss Cleon Morris and J. E. Gustin a committee to provide for the entertainment and comfort of the convention.

L. A. DIVINE, President.

FIVE YEARS OLD.

On April 1st THE OBSERVER will be five years old. Rather a lusty infant is it not?

ARE YOU HELPING

To make it the best independent paper that ever existed? Remember the editors and proprietor may strive, but the public must help. Nearly every prominent deaf person in the country has at some time had a good word to say of THE OBSERVER. We value these words of appreciation, but there a whole lot more who should send us dollars.

GET BUSY.

We want our friends and agents everywhere to get busy that during of the fifth year THE OBSERVER may have a banner subscription list.

Send This On With A Dollar

Mr. L. O. Christenson, Publisher of The Observer,

Dear Sir: Desiring to aid in the maintenance of live, wide-awake, independent paper for the deaf I enclose one dollar for a year subscription to THE OBSERVER.

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ADDRESS.....

LOCALS.

Herman Plenz left last week by boat for California on business.

Otto Klawitter is at Cumberland, B. C., but expects to be home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Minnick spent Sunday in Tacoma, the guests of relatives.

A number of the Seattle deaf expect to go to Tacoma next Saturday night to attend the doings there. They count on a great big time.

Roy Harris is watching the calendar these days—April 1st, when the trout season opens is approaching.

Mrs. Snyder, mother of our friend, Mrs. Bronson, has been serving on the jury the past week.

No, A. W. W. has not joined the I. W. W. That red sweater is only to protect him from S. W. W.

Dewitt Tousley seems to be rather under the weather lately. We have missed him from our public gatherings.

John Thomas, after a two weeks' illness, is around again and at his work in the packing department of an auto establishment.

A. W. Wright is out at his farm this week for a few days at least. We suppose he will see to his early potatoes and onions.

A brother and other relatives of Albert Hole have recently left England for America. Just where they will locate Albert does not yet know.

Bert Haire had the misfortune last week to cut off the end of his thumb in the sawmill where he works. This is unfortunate for it will require his laying off from work for a month at a time when he can ill afford it.

Mrs. Hammond, the mother of Myrtle, sustained a painful injury a couple of weeks ago. She stepped backward and fell over a stone in the yard, breaking one of the bones in her right wrist. It was properly set with the help of X-rays, and she is doing well. In the meantime Myrtle is acting as nurse to her mother.

AN EASTER PRESENT.

Mrs. Hanson was leader of the Bible class last Sunday. She was assisted by Mr. Axling, Mr. Christensen and Miss Hammond. At the conclusion Mr. Partridge in a pleasant manner presented Mr. and Mrs. Hanson with a handsome six-blossom Easter lily, the gift of the class.

MONTHLY SOCIAL.

The monthly social of the P. S. A. D. was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Swangren last Saturday evening. Whist was the order of the evening and prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Gustin.

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GALLAUDET FILMS.

The Gallaudet film of the N. A. D. is now in Seattle. The Presentation Day film and the McGregor film are expected in a few days. All three films will be shown in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland, Vancouver and Salem.

The dates have not been finally determined, but will probably be as given below. Announcements will be made through The Observer and by mail.

Probable dates and places:

Seattle—April 9-12, at Melbourne Theatre, Second Avenue near Seneca Street.

Tacoma—April 16-19, Melbourne Theatre.

Spokane—April 23-26, at the Spokane Theatre.

Portland—April 30-May 3, theatre to be announced.

Vancouver, Wash.—May 7-10, at School for Deaf.

Salem, Ore.—May 14-17, at School for Deaf.

These dates and places are subject to changes which if made will be announced later.

O. HANSON.

P. L. AXLING,

Committee.

STILL ANOTHER.

The friends of Mrs. A. Waugh to the number of between twenty-five and thirty pulled off a surprise party on her Saturday evening, the 15th. To remind her that she had a birthday, just like the rest, a gold bracelet was presented to her. Cards and other games were played till a late hour, and refreshments served.

MORE LEGISLATION.

The state legislature has adjourned and the "impostor" bill, introduced at the request of the deaf mutes of the state, failed to be placed on the statute books. Something like over 1,000 bills were introduced in both houses, and less than 200 were acted on. With many other good bills, House Bill No. 236 was allowed to die in the Rules Committee, because of the quarrelsome nature of the recent legislature, which was one of the poorest that has represented the state for many years. We will try with the next legislature and hope for better luck.

A. W. W.

THANKS.

The family of the late Espiel Fernquist desire to thank the local deaf who assisted at the funeral and showed their interest in the last hours of Espiel.

DEAF AND DUMB; SPEAKS.

A few days ago Ed Mahoney was unable to talk at all, according to his story, until faced with an anaesthetic. Yesterday he talked entirely too much, when taken before Police Judge Frederickson, and was given a six months' sentence.

Mahoney was arrested in the University section, charged with posing as a deaf and dumb man, and soliciting alms on the strength of his troubles. When taken to the Receiving Hospital he admitted that he was a faker.—Los Angeles Paper.

RIOT OF MUTES RESULTS

IN ONE FATALITY

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., March 17.—A white boy, son of the superintendent of the home for the deaf and dumb near here, was killed today and four others, all officials of the institution, seriously injured when they were attacked by a mob of the negro inmates of the institution, who were attempting to resent some real or fancied grievance.

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Secretary, Philip L. Axling.
Treasurer, John E. Gustin.
Serg.-at-Arms, A. H. Koberstein.

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TACOMA.

The committee announce their party on March 29th at Tacoma music hall is to be a "cut a caper" party. Anyone attending will be allowed to cut all the capers they wish and those not in a mood to caper around will be frowned down. Tacoma music hall is on Tacoma Ave. and So. 3rd. Take Old Town car.

Mr. Plenz of Los Angeles departed for home last Tuesday on the steamship Buckman. The rough seas following in the wake of that ship were probably caused by the tears shed here over his departure. It is suggested by one of his friends here that any electrical storms occurring at sea will be caused by his tinkering with the electrical apparatus of the boat.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond gave an informal farewell dinner in honor of Mr. Plenz the Sunday he left. Mrs. Hammond so exerted herself that she has been under the weather ever since.

Said Miss Alice Hammond to the writer, after the last issue of the Observer, "Was everything O. K. in your items." Said the writer: "Only a few capital blunders." Said Miss H.: "Well, you deserve capital punishment." And yet when the compliments are being passed around by Mr. Meagher of the Washingtonian, he forgets to name our brilliant and budding geniuses. Still, as it's hard to tell the difference between budding geniuses and blooming idiots, we are content to dwell "unseen and waste our sweetness on the desert air."

Whenever Miss Seeley and Miss Hammond get their heads together, which same is quite often, they always contrive to turn up at the very next show—nicked, of course.

SPOKANE, WN.

A. E. Heritage of Clarkston, Wn., formerly of Illinois, was a Spokane visitor Feb. 21 to 24th inst. He is a striving young gentleman and applies for membership in the N. A. D. The Washington birthday party given at the home of Mrs. A. C. Bergh, Feb. 22nd, was well attended. Games were indulged in, then a bountiful spread was partaken of by all, same being prepared by Miss Bergerson, Mrs. Banister, our hostess Mrs. Bergh and Erve Chambers. More games followed a flashlight which failed to do credit, then a love story told by Mrs. Susie Smith which lolled half a dozen off into that blissful land of dreams to be. All announced an excellent time and Mrs. Bergh a first-class entertainer.

Those in attendance were Miss Amelia Bergerson, J. B. Bixler, Mr. and Mrs. F. Banister, Mr. J. P. Frisby and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves,

Mrs. Susie Smith, Mrs. A. B. Barney and son Norman, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Fulmer, Mrs. E. B. Morgan, Miss Jessie Livingston and Miss Leora Hughes, Mrs. L. C. Hobson, Mr. A. E. Heritage, Mr. John Brinkman, Mrs. J. H. O'Leary, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Bergh, Erve Chambers and a number of hearing friends.

Mr. Brinkman has left for fields unknown. It was understood he had traveled considerably in the middle states, finally coming west to locate if possible on a homestead, having sold his ranch in Sidney, Montana.

Gilman Nordhugan is now temporarily employed at Cheney, Wash., as a type slinger.

Reports have it that there is a deaf gentleman and wife living on the north side of the river. We know nothing about them except that they met with misfortune and sought aid from Mayor Hindly. No names were given. They came here recently from California and cannot secure work. A more definite report will be sent in as soon as same can be secured.

J. P. Fisby has resigned from the Northwest Association.

The next business meeting of the Spokane Association will be held April 5th at the home of Mrs. A. C. Bergh, E. 2207 Glass Ave.

Erve Chambers longs for dear old Seattle—finest place on earth. Boost for Seattle and the state convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Claire Reeves have departed for their home in Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Reeves was wondrously improved in health and we want you Vancouver people to take good care of our flower and not send her back to us like you did last time.

That object "Rainier" has been referred to again,

"And as I sit here at my desk,
Looking through the hazy past,
It seems like a long lost dream,
Blessed with the beauty,
Awe'd by the scene
Of the wondrous heights.
The sun-kissed peaks,
The storm-beat walls,
Wondrous works of our great Good
God.

Gathered around in awe-struck wonder.

When the sun arises
As the sun goes down,
One wonders why it is,
Under the shadows of Mt. Rainier
That Tacoma as it is.
Such a bold front doth put forth,
When immortal beings fain do believe

They are in danger of burning their "soles." (Souls)

Come to think of it, one cannot help but wonder why Mr. True Partridge should have suggested an education fund at such a particular time. Please

do not hurry us, Mr. Partridge. Lots can happen before June weddings.

"OBSERVE"

Does fish crawl the like exactly goes forward, go to order in who people some that observed ever you have say, and way other that goes forward, go the order in gray fish crawl the that observed, ever you have. Say.

(Begin at the bottom and read up, China fashion.)

MISS FITZGERALD TELLS HER EXPERIENCE.

Another good paper was written by Miss Edith Fitzgerald, who was educated in the Milwaukee day schools, and later attended Gallaudet College. Below is a brief extract from her paper:

"Upon entering college I had an idea signs were something to be avoided and also that they were a very hard "something" to learn, but after the first year I began in earnest and veritably the world became brighter and there seemed to me ever so much more in it. But it has been during the two years since my graduation, the two years spent in Delavan, that I have learned to value signs for all they are worth. There is a hearing teacher there who has a perfect command of the language and who, as an interpreter, is unexcelled. It was through her interpretation that I got my first lecture, my first sermon, my first prayer, and I have been getting them ever since and can truthfully say that in two years I have learned more of a broadening nature, through those hated signs, than I learned in all my life before through lip-reading."

Miss Fitzgerald's paper may be found in the Annals for March, 1906.

COMBINED SCHOOLS MORE EFFICIENT.

That the Combined System is more efficient for mental development than the oral method is shown by the records of Gallaudet College for the Deaf, Washington, D. C. This is the only college for the deaf in the world, and students come from all

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It is considered an honor for a school to be able to train its students so as to pass the examinations for the College. By far the greater number of students are from Combined Schools, and they make better scholars and are leaders in athletics and other student activities. No graduate of a pure oral school has ever taken the valedictory or led his class at the College.

Oralists may claim that they send their students to colleges for the hearing. This is true only to a limited extent, and probably as many, if not more, students from Combined Schools have taken courses in hearing colleges.

The chief reason that the oral schools do not send more students to College is that they can not. Why? Because they spend so much time in the effort to teach speech that they do not have enough time to teach arithmetic, history and other studies.

In the business world also the graduates of Combined Schools get along fully as well, and even better, than those of oral schools.

The oral schools may teach better speech: the Combined System develops more brains.

In business, it is brains, not talk, that tells.

SCIENTIFIC OPINIONS.

Binet and Simon.

In 1907-8 two French scientists, Binet and Simon, conducted extensive investigations as to the results of oral instruction to the deaf after leaving school. They obtained from the Paris Institution, which is an oral school, the names of certain pupils who had left school between 1892 and 1902. They visited them in their homes and at work; talked with them, with their parents, with their employers and associates.

"It was found that parents were disappointed with the poor speech acquired by their children, and strangers were utterly unable to understand what was said by these orally educated deaf. The speech thus acquired was totally unreliable in business intercourse. Their ability to lip-read was uncertain."

Messrs. Binet and Simon conclude that the oral method "belongs to a pedagogy of luxury, which produces mental rather than useful and tangible effects; that it is quite useless for starting deaf-mutes in life; that it does not permit them to enter into relations with strangers; that it does not even allow them a sustained conversation with their neighbors; and that those deaf who have not learned to speak gain their livelihood just as easily as those provided with this imitation of speech."—From Henri Gaillard's paper in the N. A. D. report of the Colorado Convention.

The full report may be found in the

American Annals of the Deaf, January, 1910.

Binet and Simon recommend that all the deaf be given a trial in speech; but that those who do not make good progress under the oral method should be taught by other methods. This is practically the Combined System.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall, one of the foremost Psychologists of America, on reading Mr. Weston Jenkins' recent article in the Annals on "The Value of the Sign Language," writes to the author as follows:

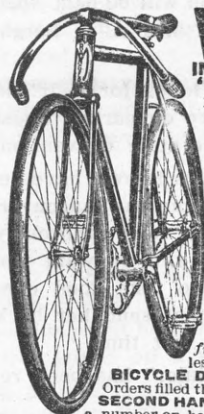
"It has always seemed to me from my very hazy and general knowledge, that there were things about the sign language that ought to be conserved and that to forbid it where it was so spontaneous was to simply shut up the soul of the child until, while learning to speak, it also learned to get on without much expression.

VIEWS OF A DEAF BUSINESS MAN.

Mr. Jay C. Howard, the deaf banker of Duluth, Minn., in an address at Jackson, Miss., on Gallaudet Day, expressed himself as follows:

"When it is the consensus of opinion of practically all the deaf people of the world, even those educated by

the oral method, that the combined system, which fits the method to the child and does not attempt to fit the child to the method, is pre-eminently the most satisfactory and is conducive to the happiest lives, their opinion should receive respectful consideration. When the overwhelming opinion of the deaf of the world is in favor of preserving the beautiful and expressive sign language, a language common to the deaf of all nations and by means of which the deaf of all countries meet in international congress and join in discussion regardless of nationality; a language that gives the deaf the advantage of the forum and the pulpit; a language as clear as crystal to the intellect of even very young deaf children, which can stir their thoughts and inspire their imagination; a language that in the hands of the master, can hold an audience spellbound; it seems almost inhuman to think of depriving the deaf of this blessing. Yet there are misguided philanthropists who would so deprive them. It is hard for 'men who possess opinions and a will,' not to 'damn their treacherous flatteries without winking.'"



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